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Re: United States v. Anna Barenboym
Criminal No. 21-10041-RGS

Dear Ms. Silva:

The United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts ("the U.S. Attorney") and your client, Anna Barenboym ("Defendant"), agree as follows, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(B):

1. Change of Plea

Defendant will plead guilty to count One of the Indictment, conspiracy to commit mail fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1349. Defendant admits that she committed the crime specified in this count and is in fact guilty of this crime. The government agrees to dismiss Counts Two through Nineteen of the Indictment, Crim. No. 21-10041-RGS, at the time of sentencing.

2. Penalties

Defendant faces the following maximum penalties: incarceration for twenty years; supervised release for three years; a fine of \$250,000; a mandatory special assessment of \$100; restitution; and forfeiture to the extent charged in the Indictment.

Defendant understands that, if she is not a United States citizen by birth, pleading guilty may affect Defendant's immigration status. Defendant agrees to plead guilty regardless of any potential immigration consequences, even if Defendant's plea results in being automatically removed from the United States.

3. Sentencing Guidelines

The U.S. Attorney agrees, based on the following calculations, that Defendant's total "offense level" under the Guidelines is 18:

- a) Defendant's base offense level is 7, because the offense of conviction has a statutory maximum term of imprisonment of twenty years (USSG §2B1.1(a)(1));
- b) Defendant's offense level is increased by 14, because the loss is more than \$550,000 and less than \$1,500,000 (USSG §2B1.1(b)(H)); and
- c) Defendant's offense level is decreased by three, because Defendant has accepted responsibility for Defendant's crime (USSG § 3E1.1).

Defendant agrees with the above Guideline calculations but preserves the right to argue that the Court should depart and/or vary downward from the sentence range recommended by the Guidelines.

Defendant understands that the Court is not required to follow this calculation or even to sentence Defendant within the Guidelines and that Defendant may not withdraw her guilty plea if Defendant disagrees with how the Court calculates the Guidelines or with the sentence the Court imposes.

Defendant also understands that the government will object to any reduction in her sentence based on acceptance of responsibility if: (a) at sentencing, Defendant herself or through counsel indicates that she does not fully accept responsibility for having engaged in the conduct underlying each of the elements of the crime(s) to which she is pleading guilty; or (b) by the time of sentencing, Defendant has committed a new federal or state offense, or has in any way obstructed justice.

If, after signing this Agreement, Defendant's criminal history score or Criminal History Category is reduced, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to seek an upward departure under the Guidelines.

Nothing in this Plea Agreement affects the U.S. Attorney's obligation to provide the Court and the U.S. Probation Office with accurate and complete information regarding this case.

4. Sentence Recommendation

The U.S. Attorney agrees to recommend the following sentence to the Court:

- a) incarceration at the low end of the Guidelines sentencing range as calculated by the parties in Paragraph 3;

- b) a fine within the Guidelines sentencing range as calculated by the Court at sentencing, unless the Court finds that Defendant is not able, and is not likely to become able, to pay a fine;
- c) 12 months of supervised release;
- d) a mandatory special assessment of \$100, which Defendant must pay to the Clerk of the Court by the date of sentencing;
- e) forfeiture as alleged in the Indictment; and
- f) restitution to be determined by the Court.

5. Waiver of Appellate Rights and Challenges to Conviction or Sentence

Defendant has the right to challenge her conviction and sentence on “direct appeal.” This means that Defendant has the right to ask a higher court (the “appeals court”) to look at what happened in this case and, if the appeals court finds that the trial court or the parties made certain mistakes, overturn Defendant’s conviction or sentence. Also, in some instances, Defendant has the right to file a separate civil lawsuit claiming that serious mistakes were made in this case and that her conviction or sentence should be overturned.

Defendant understands that she has these rights, but now agrees to give them up. Specifically, Defendant agrees that:

- a) She will not challenge her conviction on direct appeal or in any other proceeding, including in a separate civil lawsuit; and
- b) She will not challenge her sentence, including any court orders related to forfeiture, restitution, fines or supervised release, on direct appeal or in any other proceeding, including in a separate civil lawsuit.

Defendant understands that, by agreeing to the above, she is agreeing that her conviction and sentence will be final when the Court issues a written judgment after the sentencing hearing in this case. That is, after the Court issues a written judgment, Defendant will lose the right to appeal or otherwise challenge her conviction and sentence regardless of whether she later changes his mind or finds new information that would have led her not to agree to give up these rights in the first place.

Defendant acknowledges that she is agreeing to give up these rights at least partly in exchange for concessions the U.S. Attorney is making in this Agreement.

The parties agree that, despite giving up these rights, Defendant keeps the right to later claim that her lawyer rendered ineffective assistance of counsel, or that the prosecutor or a member of law enforcement involved in the case engaged in misconduct serious enough to entitle

Defendant to have her conviction or sentence overturned.

6. Waiver of Hyde Amendment Claim

Defendant is aware that the Court can award attorneys' fees and other litigation expenses to defendants in certain criminal cases. In exchange for the concessions the U.S. Attorney is making in this Agreement, Defendant waives any claim under the so-called "Hyde Amendment," 18 U.S.C. §3006A, that is based in whole or in part on the U.S. Attorney's agreement in Paragraph 1 to dismiss Counts Two through Nineteen.

7. Civil Liability

This Plea Agreement does not affect any civil liability, including any tax liability, Defendant has incurred or may later incur due to her criminal conduct and guilty plea to the charges specified in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement.

8. Breach of Plea Agreement

Defendant understands that if she breaches any provision of this Agreement, violates any condition of Defendant's pre-trial release or commits any crime following Defendant's execution of this Plea Agreement, Defendant cannot rely upon such conduct to withdraw her guilty plea. Defendant's conduct, however, would give the U.S. Attorney the right to be released from her commitments under this Agreement, to pursue any charges that were, or are to be, dismissed under this Agreement, and to use against Defendant any of Defendant's statements, and any information or materials she provided to the government during investigation or prosecution of her case—even if the parties had entered any earlier written or oral agreements or understandings about this issue.

Defendant also understands that if she breaches any provision of this Agreement or engages in any of the aforementioned conduct, she thereby waives any defenses based on the statute of limitations, constitutional protections against pre-indictment delay, and the Speedy Trial Act, that Defendant otherwise may have had to any charges based on conduct occurring before the date of this Agreement.

9. Who is Bound by Plea Agreement

This Agreement is only between Defendant and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. It does not bind the Attorney General of the United States or any other federal, state, or local prosecuting authorities.

10. Modifications to Plea Agreement

This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by both parties, or through proceedings in open court.

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If this letter accurately reflects the agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Plea Agreement below. Please also sign below as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura J. Kaplan.

Sincerely,

RACHAEL S. ROLLINS
United States Attorney

By: /s/ Timothy E. Moran
Timothy E. Moran
Chief, Organized Crime Gang Unit
Michael Crowley
Deputy Chief, Organized Crime Gang Unit

/s/ Laura J. Kaplan
Laura J. Kaplan
Assistant U.S. Attorney

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter and discussed it with my attorney. The letter accurately presents my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. There are no unwritten agreements between me and the United States Attorney's Office, and no United States government official has made any unwritten promises or representations to me in connection with my guilty plea. I have received no prior offers to resolve this case.

I understand the crime I am pleading guilty to, and the maximum penalties for that crime. I have discussed the Sentencing Guidelines with my lawyer and I understand the sentencing ranges that may apply.

I am satisfied with the legal representation my lawyer has given me and we have had enough time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charges against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Agreement and whether I should go to trial.


I am entering into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and because I am in fact guilty of the offense. I believe this Agreement is in my best interest.



Anna Barenboym
Defendant

Date: 2/15/22

I certify that Anna Barenboym has read this Agreement and that we have discussed what it means. I believe Anna Barenboym understands the Agreement and is entering into it freely, voluntarily, and knowingly. I also certify that the U.S. Attorney has not extended any other offers regarding a change of plea in this case.



Sara Silva, Esq.
Attorney for Defendant

Date: 2/17/22